

Maranui Musings Newsletter for the 2010/2011 season

Welcome to the Maranui Musings – the newsletter. This will be the first and last for this season.

Our thoughts are with the people of Christchurch and Japan after the terrible events of the last few weeks. It makes you realize just what a fragile place the world is and that above all else, Mother nature is and always will be “capo dei capi” (the boss of all bosses).

The first season back in our clubhouse has been amazing. The shipping containers on the beach seem a long way from our smart, new, functional clubrooms that we hang out in today. All the hard work put into the rebuild was well worth the effort.

NIPPERS

It has been a full and rewarding season for all concerned. Very few Sunday cancellations has meant we could get continuity into our training and all age groups progressed fantastically. This huge improvement was also made possible by having more and better quality boards. Additional equipment is being sought for next season with the funding to come from grants. Having new gear makes all the difference to the learning and confidence of the children not to mention having a great team of coaches. All the children and parents/coaches are becoming more comfortable in the water environment however the swimming aspect can always be improved so parents please keep up the childrens swimming lessons over winter!

The Maranui (Junior Surf) Nippers carnival was held on the 6th of February. This was well received by all competitors and other surf clubs. Although we are all learning as we go, our organizational skills were first class and we certainly proved that we can give other clubs a run for their money with regards to running a successful carnival. We predict bigger and better for next year!

The carnival was well supported by the Café with great food and the usual fantastic coffee so a big thanks to Bronwyn, Matt and Katie for all your help during the season. As usual Moore Wilsons have been a huge contributor in assisting the club this season particularly with Nippers and our carnival . A huge thanks goes to Julie, Chris and the Moores for their continued support.

Next year we aim to get a team together to attend the Ocean Athletes carnival in Mt Maunganui. This will be huge for the club and we aim to make it the first of many national events we attend over the coming years.

A massive thank you to all the coaches and parents and our fabulous children for their hard work during the season. The club cannot function without your time and support. More of the same next year please!

LIFEGUARDING

15 rescues were completed this season

All the new guards and rookies have performed well. New medical equipment and improved training procedures have lifted the level of patrols above previous years. This is borne out by the good results being shown in all the audits performed on our patrols this season. A special thanks to Marc Pulepule for his great work in training, preparing and coordinating the lifeguards this year. Fingers crossed we will be back patrolling our own beach soon.

Congratulations all lifeguards on a great season. Lifeguarding is a very rewarding and fulfilling exercise particularly with the high number of drownings in this country.

Life guards do make a huge contribution to beach life and remember if anyone is keen to find out more about lifeguarding check out the club website.

Finally, thank you to our committee members for their vision and hard work.

Functions

The club is increasingly being rented for private functions and Corporate conferences/meetings. The great facilities we have are being recognized and people are prepared to pay which means additional income and exposure for the club.

Upcoming Important Dates

PRIZEGIVING

The prize giving this year is to be held on the 2nd of April at 2pm. All nippers will receive a certificate for their efforts this season plus our top athletes will be recognised. The senior prize giving will be held at 6pm on the same day. It would be great to see all members there!

CENTENARY

The main celebrations for the club's centenary will take place at the end of March next year. The format has been based on the 50th Jubilee in 1961.

The proposed programme is:

Friday 30 March 2012	Centenary registration Centenary welcome & BBQ
Saturday 31 March 201	Centenary registration Centenary Competition Centenary Dinner
Sunday 1 April 2012	Remembrance Service (50th Jubilee) Official Centenary Photos

Centenary lunch
Official conclusion of centenary year

During March and April 2011 we are trying to get in contact with as many of our members as possible who were involved in the club prior to 2005.

We need your help for this and ask that if you have the current contact details of anyone you know who was a member of Maranui prior to 2005 you either:

1. Email the details to: 100@maranui.co.nz
2. Post details to: Maranui SLSC Centenary
PO Box 14-330,
Wellington 6241
3. Phone Pru on 0272 994 641

